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SUBJECT: CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS

REF: ANKARA 3330 AND PREVIOUS (NOTAL)

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EFFORT MADE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OKCUN APRIL 30/MAY 1. PREPARED STATEMENT FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER'S APPEARANCE BEFORE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MAY 2 GENERALLY FOLLOWS SECRETARY'S APRIL 6 HIRC TESTIMONY BUT INCLUDES PARA SET FORTH PARA 2 BELOW ON TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS. WE ANTICIPATE THAT ANY FURTHER COMMENTS BY DEPUTY SECRETARY ON PROSPECTS FOR CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS.

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2. EXTRACT FROM DEPUTY SECRETARY'S MAY 2 STATEMENT:
QTE. THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS RECENTLY DESCRIBED THEIR NEW PROPOSALS TO SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM IN VIENNA. ONLY A SUMMARY OF THEIR PROPOSALS HAS BEEN MADE PUBLIC TO DATE, BUT SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM DESCRIBED THESE PROPOSALS AS CONCRETE AND SUBSTANTIAL. WE BELIEVE THEY REPRESENT A

SERIOUS EFFORT BY THE TURKISH SIDE TO DESCRIBE OPENING POSITIONS THAT WOULD BE SUBJECT TO SERIOUS NEGOTIATION AT THE TABLE ONCE TALKS ARE RESUMED. FOR THEIR PART THE GREEK

CYPRIOIS HAVE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM IN NICOSIA, THAT THEY DO NOT CONSIDER THE TURKISH PROPOSALS TO BE A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION. HOWEVER, PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU DID NOT COMPLETELY CLOSE THE DOOR TO RESUMED INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS SHOULD THE SECRETARY GENERAL DECIDE THEY MIGHT BE PRODUCTIVE. WE BELIEVE THAT WITH SUFFICIENT GOODWILL AND A SENSE OF REALISM ON BOTH SIDES, THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PRODUCTIVE NEGOTIATIONS. WE STAND READY, IF REQUESTED, TO ASSIST THE SECRETARY GENERAL IN MOVING THESE NEGOTIATIONS FORWARD, AND WE CALL UPON BOTH SIDES FOR THE SAKE OF THEIR COMMON HUMANITY TO BE FLEXIBLE AND TOLERANT LEST A VALUABLE BUT PERHAPS FLEETING OPPORTUNITY BE LOST. UNQTE

3. FOR NICOSIA: RE NICOSIA 1130, WE WILL ATTEMPT PROVIDE FURTHER GUIDANCE TO SUPPLEMENT STATE 106179 FOLLOWING TESTIMONY BEFORE SFRC MAY 2. WE ANTICIPATE THAT YOU SHOULD STILL BE ABLE TO SEE KYPRIANOU AS EARLY AS MAY 3.

4. FOR ANKARA: RE ANKARA 3329 AND 3327, YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR IN ANY FURTHER CONVERSATION WITH MFA THAT DRAFT STATEMENT ON U.S. POSITION WAS PREPARED BY EMBASSY
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WITHOUT WASHINGTON INPUT. FYI: THERE WERE PORTIONS OF EMBASSY DRAFT WHICH IN OUR VIEW WOULD HAVE INVOLVED US TO SIGNIFICANT EXTENT IN SUBSTANCE AND WOULD HAVE BEEN SEEN BY PARTIES AS ACCEPTANCE OF TURKISH VIEWPOINT THUS CALLING INTO QUESTION OUR EFFORT FOLLOW A BALANCED AND EVEN-HANDED APPROACH. END FYI. VANCE

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